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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS  
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING SEPTEMBER 26,  
1974:

QUOTE. Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE REMARKS BY THE  
SHAH OF IRAN IN REPLY TO THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS CONCERNING  
OIL PRICES? - --

A. NO. I HAVE SEEN THE REPORT OF THIS, AND ALL I WOULD  
LIKE TO DO IS JUST REPEAT WHAT I SAID YESTERDAY, THAT AS  
FAR AS OUR POSITION IS CONCERNED, THIS IS A QUESTION OF  
TRYING TO SOLVE A PROBLEM THAT AFFECTS ALL OF US, DEVELOPED  
AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS, THROUGH  
COOPERATION, AND THERE IS NO SPIRIT OF CONFRONTATION HERE  
AT ALL.

Q. DOES THE UNITED STATES HAVE A COORDINATED POLICY AIMED  
AT THE REDUCTION OF WORLD OIL PRICES?

A. I WAS ASKED THIS QUESTION YESTERDAY I THINK ABOUT THREE  
OR FOUR TIMES, AND I WILL JUST STAY WITH WHAT I SAID  
YESTERDAY. I CANNOT GO INTO ANY DETAILS OF THE PLANNING  
THAT WE MAY BE HAVING HERE.

Q. THERE HAS BEEN A BREAK IN THE PALESTINE LIBERATION  
ORGANIZATION, WITH ONE GROUP SAYING THAT THE ORGANIZATION  
HAD CONSPICUOUS CONTACTS WITH THE AMERICANS. AND I  
WONDERED IF YOU COULD COMMENT ON THAT.

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A. WELL, WE HAVE DEALT WITH THIS SUBJECT MANY, MANY TIMES  
HERE. I CAN JUST ADD IT AGAIN, FOR THE RECORD, THAT THERE  
HAVE BEEN NO HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS BETWEEN AMERICAN  
OFFICIALS AND PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS, NOR ARE ANY  
PRESENTLY PLANNED.

Q. THE TROUBLE WITH THE STATEMENT IS THE WORD "HIGH  
LEVEL" BECAUSE OF COURSE THE QUESTION IS WHAT ABOUT LOW

LEVEL CONTACTS?

A. ON THAT PARTICULAR QUESTION, WHICH WE HAVE ALSO DEALT WITH AT LENGTH HERE, I JUST SIMPLY REFER YOU TO WHAT I HAVE SAID IN THE PAST ON THAT.

Q. WELL, YOU ALSO SAY THAT THERE ARE NO HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS BETWEEN U.S. AND PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS. NOW, THERE IS A SPLIT WITHIN AN ORGANIZATION, BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE HAVE ALLEGEDLY HAD CONTACT WITH THE UNITED STATES. CAN YOU SAY WITH PALESTINIAN INDIVIDUALS AT A HIGH LEVEL?

A. AS FAR AS I KNOW, I CAN SAY THAT.

Q. HOW DO YOU DEFINE "HIGH LEVEL"?

A. I LEAVE THE "HIGH LEVEL" TO YOUR OWN IMAGINATION.

Q. IT'S YOUR WORD. WHY CAN'T YOU DEFINE IT?

A. "HIGH LEVEL" MEANS THOSE OFFICIALS THAT WOULD BE DEALING IN THE POLICY AREA, AND THIS HAS BEEN SAID BEFORE IN THIS ROOM, AND IT IS ON THE RECORD -- THE DEFINITION OF "HIGH LEVEL". END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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